

Remarks

The claims have been amended as shown in the foregoing. The amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

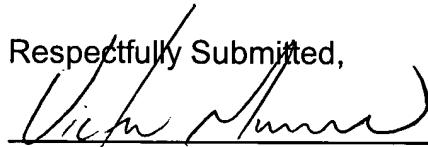
The applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 2-6, 8-10, 13, 15-24, 26-30, 32-49 and 84-85.

The applicants also appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 56 and 72 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form. Applicant accepts this subject matter. Accordingly, independent claims 50 and 66 now include the limitations previously recited in claims 56 and 72, respectively. Since independent claims 50 and 66 are now in a condition for allowance, so too should the respective dependent claims (namely, 51-54, 55-65, 67-71 and 73-81). Please note that the amendments to such dependent claims merely correct formalities and further clarify the invention.

All rejected claims have been canceled or rewritten to incorporate allowable subject matter. While applicants have elected to accept the allowed subject matter, please do not misconstrue such acceptance as an acquiescence to the merits of the rejections. Instead, this amendment merely marks a business decision to obtain patent protection on the allowed subject matter without further prosecution. Applicants traverse such rejections and reserve all rights and arguments.

All pending claims have been allowed or are dependent upon allowable subject matter. Accordingly, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance.

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